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(b) whether he has invited the opinions of the Provincial Bank as well as of the Provincial Co-operative Union and other leading non-official bodies in the Presidency on the matter?

A.—(a) No written representations were received.

(b) The question of relaxation of official control and transference of more responsibility to non-official agency was discussed with the Registrar at a Conference held in 1922 whereat representatives of 24 district banks and 11 local supervising unions were present. The subject was also considered by the Provincial Conference in 1922.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With regard to the answer to (a), will the hon. the Minister be pleased to give us the names of the 'outsiders' who gave that opinion regarding non-officialization?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I have kept no note of the names. My general impression is that these outsiders were people unconnected with the actual working of the co-operative societies."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know whether these strangers or outsiders are elected representatives of any particular bodies entitled to be called non-co-operators or whether they are mere casual visitors?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" As I have said already, I kept no note of the names."

Savings effected by retrenchment.

* 327 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the amount of the savings effected by retrenchments in accordance with the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee?

A.—The retrenchments effected up to 11th September 1924 are indicated in the statement appended to G.O. No. 666, Finance, dated 11th September 1924, which was placed on the Council table. Since then, orders have been issued abolishing five temporary weaving parties and three temporary clerks working in the Textile Section. The post of Industrial Chemist and of a clerk and a peon working under him have also been directed to be abolished. The savings as a result of these orders will amount roughly to Rs. 24,000 per annum.

Appointment of Honorary Assistant Registrars.

* 328 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the resolution of the recent Co-operative Conference held in Madras (from the 21st to 23rd December 1924) suggesting to the Government the discontinuance of the appointment of Honorary Assistant Registrars;

(b) the action, if any, taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if no action is to be taken, why not?